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Monday, 14th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate. Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

[Question No. 1311 taken up in the end, after question No. 1340.]

Upper Bhavani Project.

* 1312 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Upper Bhavani Project in Coimbatore district has been investigated?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 687 and its supplementaries delivered on 12th May 1954."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்ததா ? கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் 32 குளங்களில் தண்ணீர் விடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்து ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" After answering the question last time, I made a reference to the Chief Engineer on the subject asking him to examine this question expeditiously. He has recommended against the proposal as it is not feasible. That is what has taken place. About tanks and other things, if there are any sources pointed out to us, we shall have them considered."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மேல் பவானி பிராஜக்டைக் கட்டினால் தஞ்சை ஜில்லா பாசனத்தை பாதிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, I have been stating that it cannot be constructed. So, where is the question of subsequent reaction? "

Recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission re the period of Secondary Education.

* 1313 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have accepted the recommendation of the Secondary Education Commission to increase the period of Secondary Education from three years to four years and reduce the Degree course from four years to three years; and

(*b*) if not whether these recommendations would be accepted with modifications and if so, with what modifications?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of this Government.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—'' இந்த விஷயம் சர்க்காரின் ஆலோசனையில் இருப்பதாகக் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இதோ என் கையில் இருப்பது யுனிவர்சிடியின் ஆண்டு அறிக்கை. இதில் அவர்கள் என்ன சொல்லுகிறார்கள் என்றால்—

'Special mention may be made here of the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission. A special Committee, which went into the recommendations of the Commission affecting University studies, while accepting the recommendations, placed concrete proposals before the Syndicate, which in turn placed them before the Academic Council. The Academic Council and later the Senate accepted these recommendations, which in the main, would, it is anticipated, thoroughly change the character and tone of education in the University. Detailed proposals are now being considered by the Board of Studies concerned and it is the hope of the Syndicate that by the beginning of the academic year 1956 the Colleges and the University will have implemented these recommendations.'

This means that the University has alerady decided and proceeded with the implementation of the recommendations. Then, how is it that the Hon. Minister says that the proposals are under the consideration of the Government? May I also know from the Hon. Minister whether there is any difference of opinion between the Government and the University with regard to this matter? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' There are two aspects in this matter. One is with regard to University education as such and the other is with regard to secondary education. As far as University education is concerned the proposal is to have a three-year Degree course without having the Intermediate course. Apart from making the secondary education converted into higher secondary education, the conversion of University education into a three-year course is quite feasible by having a one-year pre-University course. That is the decision which is referred to in the University report. But, as far as the modification of the secondary education itself is concerned, it is under the active consideration of the Government.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that a 11-year secondary education course is already prevalent in some other States, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that the pre-University course is not enhanced by one year? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' As a matter of fact, in some of the North Indian States, they have only a 10-year course. Now, in our State we are already having a 11-year course. Therefore the question whether we should increase it by one more year according to the recommendation of the Secondary Education Commission is the very point which is under the consideration of the Government. All these points will be taken into consideration before arriving at a decision in the matter, Sir.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Sir, the Elementary Education Committee also will be submitting its report shortly. Inasmuch

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as all these phases of education are correlated, will the Government take up all the reports together in consultation with experts and take a decision as a whole instead of taking piecemeal decisions on each section of education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. It is the intention of the Government to take a decision with reference to every aspect of education as a whole."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" If the Degree course is to be reduced from 4 years to 3 years, will it not be incumbent on the Government to increase the period of High school education as otherwise the pupils will not be up to the standard? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not necessary, Sir. The one-year course can be had as a pre-University course in the Colleges themselves."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ஹையர் செகண்டரி கல்வி, மிடில் ஸ்கூல் ஆகியவைகளில் பாடங்கள் தமிழாக இருப்பதால், டிகிரி பாடங்களையும் தமிழிலேயே ஏற்பாடு செய்வதற்குச் சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இதற்கும் மூல கேள்விக்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் இருக்கிறது ? The University is an autonomous body."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இன்றைய 11 வருஷ எஸ்.எஸ்.எல்.சி. 8-40
படிப்பினால் பல மாணவர்கள் பணம் செலவு செய்து படிக்க முடியாத a.m.
காரணத்தால், நடுவிலே நின்று விடுகிறார்கள். ஆகவே 11 வருஷத்திற்கு மேல் அதிகப்படுத்தாமல் சர்க்கார் பார்த்துக் கொள்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இதெல்லாம் ஆலோசனையில் இருக்கிறது என்று நான் முதலிலேயே அறிவித்திருக்கிறேன்."

Recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission re *Service conditions of teachers.*

* 1314 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, with regard to this question there is a slight mistake—I don't know how it crept in. I may kindly be permitted to modify the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, you read the question as it should be."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission in respect of service conditions, pay and allowances, retrenchment benefits, etc., of teachers; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take in the direction of giving effect to these recommendations in the schools in this State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The recommendations of the Commission are being examined by a special Committee."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த விசேஷ கமிட்டியில் யார் யார் அங்கத்தினர்களாக இருக்கின்றார்கள் ? என்னென்ன விஷயங்களைப் பரிசீலனை செய்கிறார்கள் ? "